STRICTLY NEUTRAL

Units Sam Does Not Propose to Inter-fers with the Plans for Land Grab-bing in China.

Washington, March 10 .- The Italian government, through its representa-tives in Washington, lately laid before the authorities here its purpose to ask of China a port on San Mun bay and invited an expression from this govern-ment as to its attitude. In response it is understood that Secretary Hay, as well as the president, made it clear that the United States would pursue the same course as toward the Russian, British and German occupation of Chi-nese ports, namely, disinterested neu-

The exchanges have been verbal and rather informal and have given occasion to erroneous publications to the effect that Italy had asked the United States to support her demands on China and that this government in a pointed note from Secretary Hay had refused. It is stated in an eminent and authoritative quarter that Italy had made no such request for American support, and that there was no declination from this government. The circumstances of the negotiations are

When Italy determined to seek a port on the Chinese coast she addressed those powers having large interests in China, notifying them of her purposes, Owing to the good will between Italy and this country, as well as the Ameri-can interests in China, a notification was presented to the state department here. While Italy is said to have had no desire, through this notification, to enlist the support of the United States. she was desirous of pursuing the usual diplomatic course when a move of this character is contemplated, namely, learn whether the United States would be either first favorable, second disin-

terested, third opposed.

In short, before proceeding Italy desired to know what attitude the United States would take as to the Italian de mand on China. The reply of Secretary Hay, which is said to have been verbal, was in response to this notification from the Italian authorities. In this reply the president is said to have given his personal concurrence. In aubstance it was an announcement that the United States would in no way change the attitude it had maintained thus far when Great Britain, Germany and Russia made advances toward China, but would continue to observe a position of disinterestedness.

"AMONG THE BOYS."

The Money that Coyle Offered was to be Distributed.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 10,-G. A. Jenks, the democratic caucus nomines for United States senator, was an interested spectator at last night's sesmittee. George Nox McCain of the Philadelphia Press was recalled and testified that Representative Sylvester 8. Smith, of Cameron, told him he had been offered \$250 to vote to reconsider the yote by which the McCarrell bill had been postponed by the house until March 21. The name of the party making the offer was not developed.

Representative Miller, of Northamp-

ton, repeated his allegation that Representative Spatz, of Berks, had told him there was \$50 in it for signing the paper in the hands of ex-Senator Coyle, of Philadelphia, to stand by Jenks for senator, and that afterwards Mr. Spatz offered him \$100.

Mr. Miller produced a small memor-andum book from which he read the following: "On January 25, 1899, of fered by Spatz \$50 to Heil and Miller; later \$100. Coyle on the evening of the same date to sign my name to paper pledging support to democratic nominee and binding myself to do so." Miller said there was a general understanding with Coyle and Spatz that certain legislation was to be supported, for which money would be divided

"among the boys."
Harrisburg, Pa., March 11.—The
house has granted an extension of time to the committee which is investigating the charges of bribery in connec tion with the consideration of the Mc-Carrell jury bill. The committee has held three sessions and will sit agin next Tuesday night. Developments of an even more sensational nature than have yet been brought out are promised next week.

Close Call for 50 People.

Chicago, March 10 .- Fifty people narrowly escaped death last night in ar accident to a Halsted street electric car at North Halsted street bridge. Ap proaching the bridge at a rapid rate of peed the motorman failed to notice that the bridge was open. When within few feet of the river he discovered the danger and put on the brakes, at the same time endeavoring to reverse the electric current. In spite of his efforts the front part of the car ran upon the abutments of the bridge and hung there. One foot further and it ld have plunged into the river 30

Census Officials Named.

Washington, March 10 .- The prelimishary organization for the census of 1900 took definite shape last night at a conference between Director Merrian and Assistant Director Frederick H. Wines. Several important offices in the census administration were filled, A. F. Childs, of the District of Columbla, will be chief clerk; Edward Mc-Cauley, of the district of Columbia, disbursing officer, and William A. King, of Colorado, is to be one of the chief statisticians.

Raised the Price of Stoves.

Chicago, March 10 .- The stove makers who met at the Auditorium hotel yesterday declared upon adjournment that owing to the increase in prices of raw material they were compelled to advance prices 10 per cent. Further advances will be made in the near future. The 10 per cent. increase will take place at once.

An Advance for 6,000 Men. Pittsburg, March 10,-The National Tube Works Co. announces that an increase of wages of 10 per cent, will be granted its 6,000 employes, to take effeet March 16.

Talmage Resigns. Washington, March 10 .- Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, who for nearly four years has been the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, has sent a letter to the session of that ch tendering his resignation. He will devote his time to literary pur-

No Election.
Salt Lake, Utah, March 10.—A large growd assembled at the legislative hull last night to witness the closing of the

IN FULL RETREAT.

Where Filipines Found Themselves

Manila, March 13.-The Filipinos apparently had planned an attack upon the lines of Gen. Otis and Gen. Hale Sunday morning, but their courage seemed to fall them, though they fired signals, and afterwards kept up fusiliade along the American front for an hour. Our troops, in obedience to orders, refrained from shooting, with the exception of two companies of new-ly arrived men, who replied until they had suppressed a regiment of Aguin-aldo's red brigade. This body of rebels seemed under better leadership than most of the others and a white man was seen among the officers endeavoring to lead them to the attack, but apparently all efforts to induce them to

leave the trenches were futile. Gen. Wheaton's newly formed divisional brigade advanced Monday morn ing from San Pedro Macati for the purpose of corralling the enemy. now moving to l'asig, meeting with slight resistance, as the rebels are in full retreat. A gunboat is clearing the jungle along the river banks which have been carried as far as Guadeloupe. The purpose of the move is to clear the country to Laguna de Bay.

The American authorities in Manila say the city is now so effectively policed that a serious outbreak is impossible. They believe the natives are cowed. The presence of the families of officers is discouraged, and many are leaving, some going to Japan for temporary residence. Gen. Otis has "Manila is no place for women. This is a war, not a picuic."

The British cruiser Narcissus has sailed for various ports in the island of Luzon to take on board British subjects who desire protection.

Sunday afternoon the Twentieth and Twenty-second infantry and seven companies of the Oregon volunteers marched to San Pedro Macati to join Gen. Wheaton's new divisional brigade. Although the rain which fell in the morning cooled the temperature to 82 degrees, many dropped from the ranks,

overcome by the heat, Several soldiers were sunstruck in the streets of Manila during the morn Most of them were men not ye ing. acclimated. Brig. Gen. King has re-covered from his indisposition and resumed command at the San Pedro Macati bridge. The enemy is very active north of the river, though not doing any firing just now.

GOMEZ IS IMPEACHED.

Cuban Military Assembly Declares that the Old General Is Deposed from

Command of the Army. Hayana, March 13.-The Cuban mili tary assembly on Saturday impeached Maximo Gomez and removed him from his command as general-in-chief of the Cuban army, the first ballot taken resulting in 26 votes being cast in support of the motion to impeach and remove Gomez against 4 in opposition, Gomez's only supporters were Cespedes and Nunez. The original motion, which was introduced by Manuel Sanguilly provided for the abolition of the grade of general-in-chief, but an amendment was offered by Aguerro, which read "to abolish the grade of general-in-chief and to remove Gomez for failure in his military duties and disobedience to the

Aguerro declared that Gomez was insubordinate and should be punished and Sanguilly insinuated that Gomer was a traitor to Cubs. Much passion was evident in the speeches, in some of which Gomez was declared to have been delinquent in his duty and disobedient because he had accepted the proposition of R. P. Porter, President McKinley's special emissary, with out consulting the assembly, because he had taken upon himself the plans for the payment and disarming of the Cuban troops independent of the assembly, and because he had declared to the assembly that he would observe its rolings in so far as he considered them beneficial to Cuba. The assembly again declared that the \$3,-000,000 was insufficient and it has not yet accepted the proposition.

Gomez received at Molinas a message announcing the assembly's decision. He answered calmly: "All right, I en-joy the situation." He then came to

The assembly is being strongly cen-sured by Cubans on all sides and there were popular demonstrations Sunday in favor of the deposed commander, the crowd shouting "long live Gomez," and "death to the assembly." Gomez during the day received numerous visitors, all of whom assured him of their affection and loyalty and that the declarations by the assembly on whatever subject, could not represent even the

It is said on good authority that the pay rolls Gomez is preparing to hand Gen. Brooke are complete and fair and that when the army learns he can aid the troops in procuring \$3,000,000, assembly can obtain anything, there is little doubt as to the side the army will take in the controversy.

Hartlepool, England, March 13 .- A large steamship owner has received overtures from American agents to carry American coal to Europe at from 11 shillings to 12 shillings freight per ton. North of England coal merchants are alarmed at the steady growth of the American coal trade to European ports that formerly took English coal.

Prominent Men Engage in a Duel. Bristol, Tenn., March 13.-Gen. James A. Walker and W. S. Hamilton, attorney for Judge W. F. Rhea, who is engaged in a contest with Gen. Walker for the congressional seat for the Ninth Virginia district, met in combat Saturday. They were taking depositions in the contest. Hamilton advanced upon Walker, who shot him in the abmen. The wound is probably fatal. G. E. Davis, private secretary to Judge Rhea shot Gen. Walker twice in the shoulder, seriously wounding him. Gen. Walker was prominent in the Confederate army.

Fire Loss of \$300,000.

Chicago, March 13.-The mussive fire wall of the east part of the ten-story structure at 207-211 Jackson boule-vard, which was partly destroyed by fire Saturday night, fell almost without warning yesterday, completely de-molishing the adjoining building and setting the ruins on fire. Loss on buildings and contents is estimated at \$125,000, fully insured. So sudden was the collapse of the wall that a score of firemen barely escaped belin-caught under the mass of masongs.

TIS NOT A SUCCESS.

stanfa's Government of Samon Is Far from Being Satisfactory. Apia, Samoa, via San Francisco, March 9.—Four weeks have elapsed since the last mail dispatches left hers for San Francisco concerning the outbreak of civil war between the adherents of Tanus Malietoa and those of Mataafa. During this time Samoa has been free from any active warfare. The government under Mataafa has not been a success; it has estranged the feelings of many of its own support-ers by the deportation of the Malletoa chiefs and the banishment from Apia of all male Samoan adults who were on Malietoa's side. All Malietoa's adherents who were not deported have been

The German consul has received a cable from Germany directing him to recognize the authority of Chief Jus-tice Chambers and to withdraw from the stand he and Dr. Raffel had taken in regard to the supreme court. This news discouraged Mataafa and in addition the United States consul wrote him to the effect that the United States has not recognized Mataafa as king. San Francisco, March 9.—Dr. John late president of the municipal council of Apia, arrived here Wednesday on the steamer Alameda. Dr. Raffel said that when he left Samoa everything was tranquil and that the Mataafa government was recognized as

. A PLUNGE TO DEATH.

three leading powers, and it had the

support of 90 per cent, of the native population and a majority of the for-

the provisional government

elgn population.

Diver Donaldson Makes His Last Leap

in the Presence of 3,000 Spectators. New York, March 9.—Thomas Donaldson, of Bath Beach, L. I., known the world over as a champion high diver, dove from the roof of Madison Square Garden, a distance of 85 feet, Wednesday with probably fatal results. Donaldson has been the star attraction at the sportsmen's show now running in the garden. He has been making two dives daily. The tank is less than eight feet deep and on two or three former occasions Donaldson came out of the water with hemorrhages from the nose and ears. Harry Cornish has charge of the water sports, and gave Donaldson the signal to dive.

Three thousand persons saw the diver make the plunge. He shot straight downwards, but it was plain before he had got half the distance that he had lost control of his body. He struck the water head first and failed to come up. Small circles of blood came bubbling up from the bottom and Harry Reeder, the amateur champion swimmer, plunged into the water and brought Donaldson to the

surface. He was apparently dead. He has a fractured skull, with comession of the brain, and the left side of his face is crushed in. geons at the hospital say his death is a question of hours. He was 45 years of

A HOMEWARD MOVEMENT.

Volunteer Troops in Cuba Will Soon Begin to Return to the States. Washington, March 9 .- Orders were issued at the war department on Wednesday for the Twelfth New York infantry, now at Matanzas, Cuba, to take passage on the transport Berlin for New York City, where it will be mus-tered out. This is the beginning of a general movement for the muster out of all the volunteer troops stationed in Cuba, and indicates that the administration believes that the time has come when it can safely reduce its military The fact that the forces in Cuba, rainy season is not far off is a potent reason for the early recall of the vol-

unteer troops in Cuba. The homeward movement will have to be gradual because of the limited transportation facilities at the disposal of the war department. regiments will be brought home, how-ever, as rapidly as the available troop ships can make trips between the island and various ports in the United States selected for their disembarkation.

There are now about 25,000 volun teers in Cuba, and their withdrawal will leave about 15,000 regular troops there for the enforcement of the policy of the administration.

MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS.

Their Convention at Kalamazoo Nominates a State Ticket. Kalamazoo, Mich., March. 2.—Thomas

E. Parkworth, a leading attorney Jackson, was nominated yesterday by the democratic state convention for justice of the supreme court. contest was wholly between Parkworth and ex-Justice Allan B. Morse, the four other candidates having withdrawn before the first ballot was completed. All the elements of silver fu sion were well represented among the delegates and the nominations for regents of the state university were given to Edward F. Legendre, demoerat, of Calumet, and Stanley Parkhill, populist, of Owosso.

The resolutions adopted reaffirm the Chicago platform, protest against retirement of treasury notes, denounce trusts, demand an amendment to the constitution making an income tax possible, favor equal taxation of all property in the state, declare for disposition of the colonies for the best interests of the people, protest against a large standing army, praise the service of the army and navy and congratulate the party on having the leadership of Col. Bryan.

A Major's Sentence. Santiago, March 9.—Maj. Edward Wilson, of the Third immune regiment, who was recently tried by court-martial on charges of forgery, falsifying records and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, has been convicted and sentenced to dismissal from the service, forfeiture of pay and al-lowances and confinement for one year at hard labor in the penitentiary. Gen. Wood, military governor, taking into consideration Wilson's previous good character, directs that the sentence be remitted so far as confinement at hard labor is concerned.

Disgraced Father Suitsides. New York, March 10.—Ralph Seither killed himself in his room in Newark, N. J., yesterday because his 14-yearold daughter Mary had been arrested for theft. His daughter was arrested in New York for stealing \$15. Seither locked himself up in his room when he heard of her arrest and killed himself by drinking carbolle soid.

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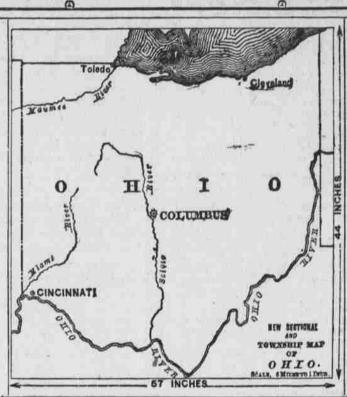
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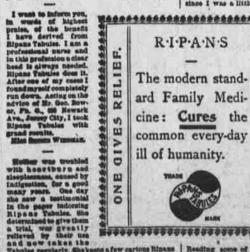
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